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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**

IB Docket Nos. 02-34, 02-54, 99-81; ET Docket No. 00-258; FCC File No.
SAT-MOD-20020726-00113

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 19, 2003, Gerry Salemme, representing ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Limited, conducted a telephone conference with Anna Gomez, deputy chief of the International Bureau, to discuss the above-referenced proceedings. During the conversation, Mr. Salemme noted that the Commission in the 3G Order¹ had reduced the amount of allocated mobile satellite ("MSS") spectrum from 70 MHz to 40 MHz, leaving only 10 MHz of spectrum in the 2 GHz uplink band that is globally allocated. He stressed that the public interest will not be served by allowing regional 2 GHz geostationary ("GSO") satellite systems to occupy the few remaining frequencies allocated for global use.

He also noted that the Commission in its initial decision to allocate spectrum at 2 GHz to MSS systems focused on the benefits of global MSS systems to unserved and underserved areas around the globe. Ceding the remaining spectrum to regional GSO systems will not realize the benefits sought by the Commission in its initial allocation decision.

¹ See *Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, Including Third Generation Wireless Systems*, 18 FCC Rcd 2223 (2003).

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In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing an original and two copies of this letter to be included in the above-referenced proceedings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl A. Tritt", is written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl A. Tritt
Counsel for ICO Global Communications (Holdings)
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cc: Anna Gomez (FCC)